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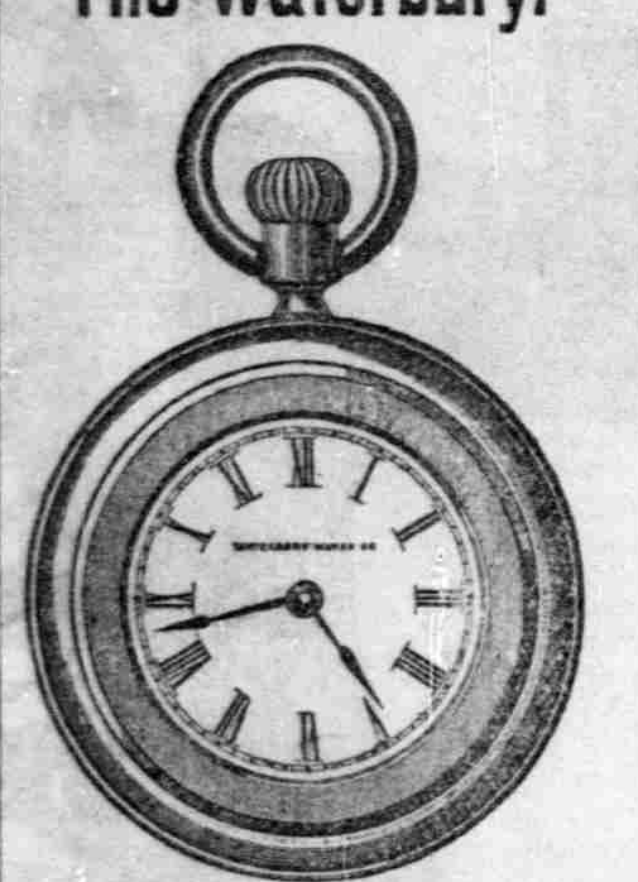
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## GEOLOGY OF MENIFEE.

A General Description of Its Timber, Coal, Iron, &c.

[A. R. Crandall.]

A section on the farm of Green Gibbs, on Muddy Fork of Indian creek, shows a local feature that has been thought to promise better results from coal mining than elsewhere in this region. A considerable thickness of bituminous shale, in some parts an impure coal, gives to the unpracticed eye the appearance of a heavy coal deposit. Nearly the same feature, but in less thickness, is shown on one of the branches of Leatherwood Fork of Indian creek, a little to the westward. At the head of Cane creek a considerable thickness of canal slate is found at the base of the shale series. There appears to be nothing in these beds to warrant any expectation of local deposits of exceptional value. On the contrary, it may be found that the impure coal of this locality is the equivalent of the coal of section 1. If this should prove to be the fact, then the area of workable coal would be somewhat reduced. This feature appears to be local, however, and the main coal in workable thickness is found at the head of Leatherwood Fork, and also at a number of points on East Fork of Indian creek.

The sections on Gilladie creek show an increased number of coals, and a change in the relative position of the main bed. Whether this last fact is owing to a decrease in the importance of the coal of section 1, or to an increase in the thickness of the shales below this coal, is not made clear from the facts at hand. It is quite probable, however, that one of the upper beds is the equivalent of the Bull Fork coal. No openings have been made in this locality to determine the real thickness of these beds. The exposures are such, however, as to show that the upper beds only may be expected to prove valuable.

Near the mouth of Chimney-top creek, in Wolfe county, a section similar to section 4 is found. Coal of very superior quality has been shipped in small quantity to Mt. Sterling from the upper beds. The coal was obtained by benching. No authentic information has been gathered as to the exact thickness of the beds, which are now mostly covered.

The limestone ore is present in all this region, as is shown from the fragments on the surface. It is exposed in large blocks, particularly on the left fork of Gilladie creek, and in the ridge between Middle and Leatherwood Forks of Indian creek.

In the valley of Beaver creek, except perhaps along Dry Ridge, where the shale series is in considerable thickness, only one coal bed of importance will be found. In thickness it is not uniform, varying where exposed from twenty to thirty inches, at the outcrop.

The limestone ore is exposed at a great number of places in Beaver Creek valley. In the immediate region of Old Beaver Furnace it was formerly opened and worked. In the region of Clear Creek Furnace it is now obtained in abundance for furnace supply. The region near the head of Beaver creek promises, so far as surface indications go, to become a more important iron ore region than the localities already mentioned. On the Old State Road, branch, above Frenchburg, the ore is particularly abundant on the surface, as also at some points along the face of the ridge between the upper Beaver valley and the head of Salt Lick.

A section near the head of Beaver creek, and one near the mouth of the same creek, show a feature which is not uncommon in the sub-carboniferous limestone of this region—a bed of so-called lithographic limestone, varying from a few inches to two feet in thickness. In the latter region this band is exposed at a number of points; and from Mr. McMurry's quarry, on the opposite of Licking river, blocks were sometime since obtained and tested for lithograph use, with satisfactory results. The band is not so uniform in quality, where seen, as to insure equally good results without careful selection.

The valley of Salt Lick is not properly within the coal region, the westward boundary ridge being entirely sub-carboniferous and Devonian. But the main ridge, between Salt Lick and Beaver creek, is capped by the conglomerate sandstone with underlying coal and iron-bearing shales, giving to this valley whatever advantages the coal and iron deposits of this ridge may offer. On Clear creek, a branch leading against this ridge, an iron industry has already sprung up, Clear Creek Furnace having been in successful operation for years previous to the late financial crisis.

East of Beaver Creek basin the sub-conglomerate beds are below the drainage, except near Licking river. Most of that part of Blackwater creek which is within Menifee has its bed in the conglomerate sandstone. The sub-conglomerate beds are, therefore, of little economic value east of the Beaver Creek valley. In this part of Menifee the hills are capped by the shales above the conglomerate. These shales usually include one or two coals. In this belt no coals of considerable thickness have been observed. Eastward, in Wolfe and Morgan counties, the conglomerate falls below the drainage, and the whole height of the hills are made up of the rocks of productive coal measures.

The soil of Menifee is mostly sandy loam. Where the shales below or above the conglomerate supply the greater part of the surface material, the soil is more clayey. The disintegration of the conglomerate sandstone, the most prominent rock of the greater part of Menifee, gives to the soil a large per cent. of coarse sand. The presence of the sub-carboniferous limestone, no doubt, adds considerably to the richness of the soil of the valleys. A circular containing list of premiums complete, and a sample copy of the Weekly Courier-Journal will be sent free of charge on application.

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age. Rich in vegetable mould when first cleared of timber, it takes but a few years of plowing and washing to render them barren, and, for a time, nearly worthless. When this result has been reached, it is too late to seed for pasture. With this system, or want of system in farming, that tends to clear another tract and sacrifice it in the same way. It is largely owing to this way of farming that the apparent barrenness of the hill country, where cleared, so belies the natural fertility of the soil. Well directed enterprise in farming would do very much to offset the disadvantages of a hilly and broken surface.

**TIMBER.**

The timber of Menifee includes the following species, besides some others, which doubtless have been overlooked, no time having been at command for a special study of this subject.

First in importance, both in value and in abundance, is the white oak. The black oak is abundant on the hillsides. The red oak has about the same range as the black, but is less abundant. The chestnut oak is abundant along the ridges. The pin oak, or perhaps the scarlet oak (not in season to determine species), generally present on the low spurs between the smaller streams. The Spanish and the laurel oak are found along the border of the county on Slate creek. The beech is abundant in the valleys generally. The sugar tree, the white or soft maple, and the red maple are present—the first in considerable numbers, the last only met with here and there as a single tree. The tulip tree, generally known as the yellow poplar, is abundant on the hillsides. The chestnut is found in great numbers towards the top of the hills. The hickories are well represented, and in the second growth, as on the hills west of Old Beaver Furnace, they often largely predominate, the first two species being most abundant. The black gum or gum tree is found everywhere in small numbers. The white ash and the linden or linn, as it is sometimes called, are